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FM AMEMBASSY BANGKOK
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INFO SECSTATE WASHDC 3578
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AMEMBASSY VIENTIANE
AMCONSUL CHIANG MAI

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E. O. 11652: GDS 1979
TAGS: SNAR TH LA
SUBJECT: TASK FORCE REPORTS WEEK ENDING MAY 23, 1973

1. TASK FORCE 23 (SNO)

A) PERSONNEL: NO CHANGE.
B) OFFICE SPACE: NO CHANGE.
C) EQUIPMENT: NO CHANGE.
D) OPERATIONS:
MAE SAI REPORTS INFORMATION FROM A C. I. THAT THREE
NEW REFINERIES OPENED AROUND 10 TO 20 KILOMETERS SOUTH OF
MAE SAI, BUT THE EXACT LOCATIONS ARE NOT KNOWN AT THIS
TIME EXCEPT THEY ARE IN THE AREA OF BAN MUANG. THE FIRST
REFINERY BELONGS TO SAMNUK CHAMPAFAD. THE SECOND BELONGS
TO LAO HANG AND THE THIRD BELONGS TO " CHOO". THE INFORMANT
IS WORKING ON LOCATIONS BUT STATES IT IS VERY DIFFICULT DUE
TO THE SECURITY IN THE AREA. SNO REPORTS THAT GEN LOA LEE' S
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REFINERY IS IN DOI MOKE CA RA CHIANG- DAO DISTRICT NEAR DOI MUANG LEANG ABOUT 600 METERS FROM THE BORDER. THE REFINERY IS REPORTED TO BE GUARDED BY 200 TO 300 ARMED MEN.

SNO CHIANG MAI REPORTS INFORMATION ON A STORAGE AREA IN LAOS. THE STORAGE AREA IS LOCATED AT A SAW MILL IN LAMBAN BAN TONE - PUENG IN HEAN TSAI PROVINCE. THE MILL IS SUPPOSED TO BELONG TO A LAOS ARMY OFFICER, BUT A MAN BY THE NAME OF CHAWENGSAK AKA SIA MA HAS A NUMBER OF SHARES IN THE OPERATION. THE SNO INFORMANT IS UNABLE AT THIS TIME TO OBTAIN ANY MORE INFO.

THERE HAVE BEEN SEVERAL REPORTS OF OPIUM MOVING AROUND THE FANG AREA, BUT NO TACTICAL INFO AT THIS TIME. SNO REINFORCEMENTS FROM CHIANG MAI HAVE BEEN SENT TO FANG TO HELP IN THE MATTER.

E) SPECIAL COMMENT: COLONEL KUSORN JUST RETURNED FROM AN INSPECTION TOUR OF THE SNO GARRISONS. DURING HIS INSPECTION HE FOUND A LACK OF INTELLIGENCE REPORT WRITING, IT SEEMS THE INVESTIGATIVE INFORMATION IS NOT REACHING ALL GARRISONS. KUSORN HAS REQUESTED ALL GARRISONS MAKE COMPLETE REPORTS AND PASS THE INFO TO CHIANG MAI FOR DISTRIBUTION.

2. TASK FORCE 27 (GSI)

A) PERSONNEL: NO CHANGE.

B) OFFICE SPACE: PAKSE OFFICE FOUND MORE SUITABLE QUARTERS THAN ONES CURRENTLY UNDER CONSIDERATION. EFFORTS UNDERWAY BY GEN. KHAMHOU TO OBTAIN THEM.

C) EQUIPMENT: USAID ADVISES FOUR SCOUTS CURRENTLY AT SATTAHIP. SHOULD ARRIVE VIENTIANE ON/ ABOUT JUNE 1 ST.

D) OPERATIONS:

(A) VIENTIANE: NOTHING SIGNIFICANT OTHER THAN SURVEILLANCE OF LOCAL HEROIN TRAFFICKERS.

(B) SAYABOURY: SURVEILLANCE OF ARMY CAPT. HURCHAY FROM LONG TIENG AT SAYABOURY ATTEMPTING PURCHASE 250 PONGS RAW OPIUM. THIS FAR HURCHAY HAS REPORTEDLY BOUGHT 50 PONGS FROM SUSPECT XIENG CHANH AT 400 BAHT P/ PONG. XIENG CHANG REPORTEDLY TRYING TO COLLECT OTHER 200 KGS. CLOSE SURVEILLANCE CONTINUES.

(C) LUANG PRABANG: ATTEMPTING TO CHECK REPORTS OF A 200 PONG SHIPMENT RAW OPIUM AT PAK OU, AN AREA UNDER PATHET LAO CONTROL. CONFIDENTIAL

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(D) BAN HOU SAI: SURVEILLANCE AT NAM KEUNG ON SUSPECTS LAO THAY AND CHAO SANE, ELDER BROTHER OF YAO LEADER CHAO LA, WHO ARE REPORTEDLY IN CONTROL OF 300 KGS. RAW OPIUM AND 50 KGS. PREPARED OPIUM. SURVEILLANCE CONTINUES.

(E) PAKSE: MAINTAINING SURVEILLANCE AT SMALL AIR STRIP IN MUANG KAO BASE ON INFO THAT LARGE SHIPMENT OPIUM TO ARRIVE THERE ON WAY TO CAMBODIA.

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